

EC-3787. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Roosevelt Wallace v. Commissioner 128 T.C. No. 11" (AOD 2007-5) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3788. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers of Assets or Stock Following a Reorganization" ((RIN1545-BD56)(TD 9361)) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3789. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employer and Payer Guidance on Reporting and Wage Withholding Requirements for Calendar Year 2007" (Notice 2007-89) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3790. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnership Audit Techniques Guide" (Chapter 13) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3791. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deductions Under Sections 419 and 419A for Employer Contributions to Welfare Benefit Funds Utilizing Cash Value Life Insurance Policies" (Rev. Rul. 2007-65) received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3792. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment including the C-130H Aircraft from Thailand to the Thai Aviation Industries and Rockwell Collins for the purpose of installing Avionic Upgrades; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3793. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data and assistance relative to the manufacture of water coolers and supporting materials for the Spy-ID Radar for the governments of Australia, Japan, Korea, and Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Edward A. Rice, Jr., 4508, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Glenn F. Spears, 2012, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett, 9096, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 7168, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., 1919, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, 8284, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. David A. Rubenstein, 6677, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, 6309, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Bernard J. McCullough III, 4147, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Ernest Valdez, 4767, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Laura M. Hunter and ending with George W. Ryan, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 27, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Cheryl A. Kearney, 6145, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Noel P. Kornett, 0523, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Michael Maine, Jr., 4513, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael T. Butler and ending with Robert Cannon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 18, 2007.

Army nomination of Max B. Bullen, 0248, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with John A. McHenry and ending with Alan S. Waller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 27, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Edward F. Frederick and ending with Gregory Charlton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 27, 2007.

Marine Corps nomination of Kevin M. Gonzalez, 5053, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Thomas J. Keating, 2706, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Gerald R. Brown, 2925, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nomination of Stephen T. Vargo, 7730, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Gary Tabach and ending with Kelvin L. Reed, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 18, 2007.

By Mr. INOUE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

*Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2011.

*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Steven E. Day, 3035, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Kevin S. Cook and ending with Capt. James A. Watson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 12, 2007.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Albert R. Agnich and ending with Michael B. Zamperini, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2007.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Michael S. Gallagher and ending with Mark K. Frydrych, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2007.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2258. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2259. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2260. A bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2261. A bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2262. A bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WEBB:

S. 2263. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish an initiative to promote the research, development, and demonstration of miner tracking and communications systems and to promote the establishment of standards and other measurement services regarding underground communications to protect miners in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 2 years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes; read the first time.